

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Bruce Sunstein on 18 December 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 12, line 16, “a function of” has been deleted after “by” and “adding to the raw score of the winning alliance” has been added after “by”.

In the Title:

The title of the invention has been changed to reflect the amendment dated 7/9/2007. The title has been changed to “Method for Creating Cooperation”.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mitra Aryanpour whose telephone number is 571-272-4405. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday 10:00 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Kim can be reached on 571-272-4463. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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